

The Public Works Department provides a wide range of services that have significant economic impact, improve people's lives and help define the quality of life for residents and visitors. The department's core services include maintenance and repair of the city's infrastructure (streets, curb, gutters, and right-of-way); cemetery operations; stormwater maintenance; environmental services; refuse collection and recycling services; fleet maintenance; and capital project management.

Need information about burning? http://fire.cobbcountyga.gov/marshal_burn.htm

Maintain Streets

The Street Department is responsible for maintaining the city's infrastructure (streets, curb, gutters, sidewalks and right-of-way) as well as the city-owned cemetery. Services include inspecting, repairing and replacing streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and traffic control signs, street sweeping and mowing of city right-of-way. The Department also has its own sign shop for making street and traffic control signs for the city.

Collect Trash

The Sanitation Department is responsible for the collection of garbage and recycling within the city limits for all residential and commercial areas. Garbage is collected once a week on designated days Tuesday through Friday. The city provides 95-gallon trash containers to most residential locations. Yard waste (green waste) is collected every Monday when placed at the curb by 7 am. Bulk material collection is available for an extra fee based on the item, size, weight, and collection time required to pick up the material. Payment will be added to the resident's utility bill. Click on the Sanitation tab for detailed information about the city's sanitation program.

Recycle

Recycle materials are collected one day a week. The city uses a "single stream" recycling program meaning all recyclables are comingled in one container. Items accepted for city recycling are:

- All glass products, bi-metal containers and metal containers.
- Corrugated paper and other container board.
- Newspaper, office paper, including junk mail and school papers, white, brown and manila envelopes.
- Rigid plastic containers clearly marked with SPI letter and number codes including PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS.
- Metal food, beverage container caps, lids and scrap metal.

- All non-paper recycled items must be rinsed clean of all product residues, well drained and free of debris. All paper recycled items should be flattened and free of all bindings, wraps or clips.

The city has an Environmental Committee appointed by Mayor and Council which works diligently to build awareness of the value of recycling and holds electronic recycle events twice a year. Look for recycle news and events sponsored by the Committee on the home page.

NEW! A pilot program for recycling is being tested in several neighborhoods. To encourage recycling and potentially save the city thousands of dollars in dumping fees (not to mention the environmental benefits!), recycle bins are being replaced with 65 gallon carts, offering more convenience for customers. A brochure describing the program is available below.

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Keep Equipment Repaired

The Fleet Maintenance Shop manages and maintains all city vehicles and equipment including police vehicles, sanitation trucks, heavy equipment, and small engines. They also oversee the fueling facilities and procurement.

Manage Stormwater

The stormwater section is responsible for effective storm water management that protects our water sources from pollution and improves the overall water quality. Some of the services tied to the stormwater program include:

- Flood protection through capital improvement projects
- Improved water quality
- Storm drain cleaning and repair
- Shoulder and ditch maintenance within the city owned right-of-way
- Pipe cleaning
- Public education and outreach
- Construction inspection
- Project design and management
- Federal regulatory compliance

Provide Project Management

The Environmental Specialist Coordinator and the Engineer / Project Specialist work with various projects within the city limits, and work with the Building Services and Planning & Zoning departments on Plan Review.

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